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FULBRIGHT AWARDS SUPPORT UM STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL STUDY

MISSOULA—

Three recent University of Montana graduates have received Fulbright grants to continue their study and research projects in countries outside the United States this year.

The three students – Ulrike Anderson of **Stillwater, Minn.**, Russell Fielding of **Temple Terrace, Fla.**, and Valerie Kurth of **Wausau, Wis.** – were selected for the awards on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

Anderson received a bachelor's degree from UM in May. She will study in Germany, where she plans to translate Gabriele Reuter's "Das Tranenhaus" into English. Anderson is working toward a master's degree in translation and hopes to use her education to facilitate greater cultural understanding between the United States and Germany.

Fielding completed his master's degree at UM this year. He will go to Canada's Prince Edward Island to study the effects of the Confederation Bridge – which links the island with the mainland – on the island's tourism industry. After completing his research, Fielding will pursue a doctorate with a focus on cultural geography.

Kurth received her master's degree at UM in December 2004. She will travel to Sweden

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to continue her research on boreal forest ecology. Kurth will study boreal forests in northern Sweden, where active fire suppression is leading to prolonged secondary succession. The information she gains will be used by fire ecologists and land managers worldwide. When she returns to the United States, Kurth will pursue a doctoral degree in ecology.

The Fulbright Program, established in 1946, aims to promote mutual understanding and respect between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The program operates in more than 150 countries worldwide. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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